

South Brentwood Residents Association
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HELP US PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS CREEK

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Dear property owner:

You have chosen to live in one of the most unique settings on the Westside of Los Angeles. Kenter Creek is a rare natural urban watercourse, a perennial "Blue Line" stream that runs above and below ground from the Santa Monica Mountains through Brentwood and Santa Monica into Santa Monica Bay. South of Sunset it includes Canyon View Drive, Anita and its spurs, Wellesley, Centinela and South Carmelina.

Recently, questions have arisen about "improvements" along Kenter Creek's fragile banks. Dumping, landscaping and structural intrusions have been commonplace. For example, one former resident deposited a non-native crayfish species into the creek, which virtually eliminated the large native Pacific Tree Frog population. What adds to the beauty and allure – if not the value – of our neighborhood is the unique environment that is so often taken for granted. *But once it is gone, it will never return.*

A group of homeowners along Kenter Creek have organized the Kenter Creek Committee, under the sponsorship of the South Brentwood Residents Association, to protect and restore the creek. Their mission is to bring all existing construction into compliance and prevent future illegal construction or blockage of its flow to Santa Monica Bay by working closely with neighbors and local and state officials to preserve and restore Kenter Creek to a viable ecosystem for generations to come.

The creek is an asset and its character adds to property values, but it is fragile and we have laws to protect it. Its channel, banks and trees are under the protection of Federal, State and City agencies. **Any development, building or site work which incorporate or are adjacent to the creek are subject to these regulations.** If you are considering building, remodeling or re-landscaping your property, be sure you know the Do's and Don'ts.

Between federal, state and local ordinances, it can be quite confusing. To make it easier for you, please refer to the attached **Guide for Owners of Property Along Kenter Creek**. Please use the instructions and phone numbers listed, talk to your neighbors, and act. You are the first line of its defense.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and caretaker of our amazing resource!

Kenter Creek Committee and Marilyn Krell, President
South Brentwood Residents Association

A note from CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin:

Kenter Creek is a precious natural resource and the committee's commitment to preserving it is inspiring. I encourage you to protect this beautiful blue line creek.



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